

## ABSTRACT

### MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS

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Compounds are provided that bind allosterically to the catalytic domain of MMP-13 and comprise a hydrophobic group, first and second hydrogen bond acceptors and at least one, and preferably both, of a third hydrogen bond acceptor and a second hydrophobic group. Cartesian coordinates for centroids of the above  
10 features are defined in the specification. When the ligand binds to MMP-13, the first, second and third (when present) hydrogen bond acceptors bond respectively with Thr245, Thr 247 and Met 253, the first hydrophobic group locates within the S1' channel of MMP-13 and the second hydrophobic group (when present) is relatively open to solvent. The compounds specifically inhibit the matrix  
15 metalloproteinase-13 enzyme and thus are useful for treating diseases resulting from tissue breakdown, such as heart disease, multiple sclerosis, arthritis, atherosclerosis, and osteoporosis.